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FWP NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT

MAKING PROGRESS IN MONTANA

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is responsible for noxious weed management on more than 600 sites totaling 362,987 acres of fishing access sites, state parks, and wildlife management areas. FWP also works with others to control noxious weeds.

What is FWP Doing About Weeds on FWP Lands?

FWP spent more than \$345,400 on weed control and \$220,075 on education, outreach, grants, and other activities.

More than 30 FWP employees are licensed for herbicide application.

Noxious weed management included more than 200 biological control insect releases.

FWP formed a Noxious Weed Management Advisory Committee to help develop the agency's Statewide Integrated Noxious Weed Management Plan. The committee is comprised of FWP staff and non-agency stakeholders.

What is FWP Doing to Help Others Control Weeds?

FWP offers a five percent incentive-payment boost to Block Management cooperators who agree to use the funds for weed management. Incentive payments totaled \$171,491 in 2006. In addition, Block Management payments are also available to cooperators for weed control.

FWP employed a Montana Department of Agriculture Noxious Weed Trust Fund grant to offer the "Hunters Against Weeds--Weed Wash" in several new Montana communities. The pre-hunting season free car- and truck-wash began in Miles City.

FWP helped fund and distribute Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation's TIPS *for Fighting Weeds on Small Acreages in Montana*.

FWP administered \$1.6 million in federal funds for recreational trails projects that require a weed management plan for each project area. For 2006, \$27,700 was used for weed control and inventory.

FWP implemented four Sikes Act Projects totaling \$12,850 focused on noxious-weed control and inventory from western Montana to the South Dakota border.

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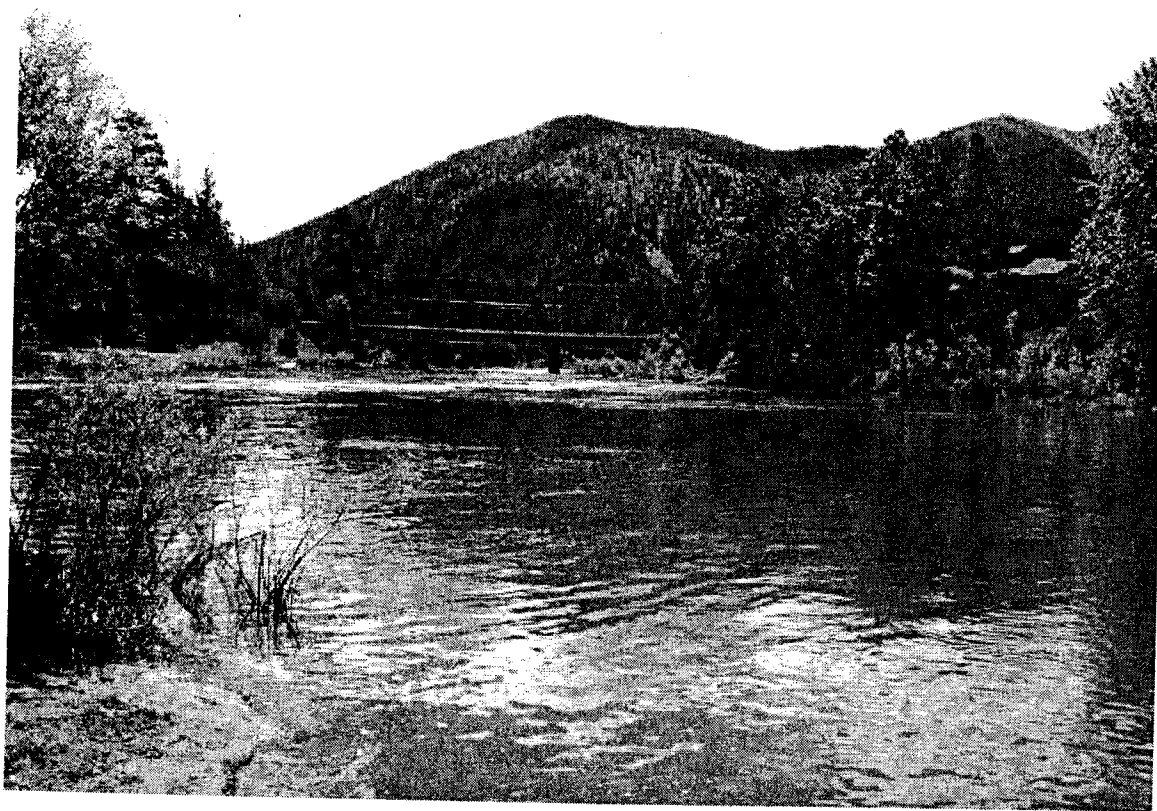
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